

Amendment Dated November 30, 2007
Serial No. 10/722,480

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action is respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 7-9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1, and 10-15 have been amended, and new claims 16-23 have been added. Currently, claims 1-6 and 10-23 are pending in this application. The indication that claim 9 contains allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Objection to the specification

The Examiner objected to the specification for including a hyperlink. Applicants have amended the first paragraph of page 1 as follows (underlined text added, and strikeout text deleted):

~~According to online resource Search Enterprise Linux~~
~~(<http://searchenterpriselinux.techtarget.com>) a~~ A kernel is the essential center of a computer operating system, the core that provides basic services for all other parts of the operating system. A kernel can be contrasted with a shell, the outermost part of an operating system that interacts with user commands.

Rejection under 35 USC 101

Claims 12-13 were rejected under 35 USC 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended the claims to overcome this rejection and respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

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Rejection under 35 USC 103

Claims 1-8 and 10-15 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Reznak (U.S. Patent No. 6,223,201) in view of Fong (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,359). The Examiner indicated, however, that claim 9 was deemed patentable over this combination of references and

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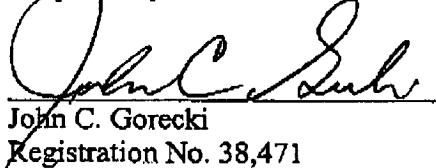
also was deemed to be patentable over the other references of record. Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to contain the features of claim 9 and the intervening claims 7 and 8, and accordingly claims 1-6 and 10-11 should be allowable. Applicants have made similar amendments to independent claims 12 and 14, and accordingly these claims are also believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants have accepted the allowable subject matter in connection with responding to this Office Action. If, after review, the Examiner feels that additional modifications to the claims would be warranted in connection with securing their allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the amendments or these remarks, the Examiner is also requested to contact the undersigned.

If any fees are due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502246 (Ref: NN-15865).

Respectfully Submitted



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